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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS

The QCWA Board of Directors took a number of important steps at its meeting of September 21, 1964, held at the Engineer's Club in New York City, to insure the continued operations of our Association. The following is a summary of these and subsequent actions as abstracted from the minutes:

1. With deep regret, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. John DiBlasi, W2FX, as President at his own request because of reasons of health.

2. The Board voted to designate Mr. John DiBlasi, W2FX, one of the Founders of QCWA and its First President, as PRESIDENT EMERITUS effective as of September 21, 1964.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 5, of the Constitution, the Board by unanimous vote designated Mr. Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, as President for the unexpired term of Mr. John DiBlasi, W2FX, terminating after the close of the 1965 Annual Meeting.

4. Mr. Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM,

the Executive Secretary, announced that because of ill health, he will resign to be effective December 31, 1964 but would be available until March, 1965 as a consultant to assist the new Executive Secretary. However, because of ill health, Ralph Barber was unable to continue subsequent to the meeting as Executive Secretary. The Board, therefore, designated Mr. Augustine J. Gironda, W2JE, to serve as Executive Secretary for Ralph Barber's unexpired term to the 1965 Annual Meeting.

5. At the same time, Mr. Clarence Seid, W2KW/W2CCD, was selected by the Board to be Vice President for the unexpired term of Mr. Earl Thomas, W2MM, until the 1965 Annual Meeting.

6. The following Executive Secretary's report was submitted by Ralph Barber, W2ZM:—

Last assigned Membership	
Number as of 9/21/64.....	4,320
Dropped for non-payment of dues (1947 to date).....	840
Silent Keys (1947 to date).....	224 —1,064
Total Members in good standing as of 9/21/64.....	3,256

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Augustine J. Gironda, W2JE

7. The Treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Huff, W2AMB, advised that 12 Chapters now have 50 or more members and, therefore, are eligible to receive the QCWA banner as approved by the Board at its last meeting. The Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$750 to procure 15 banners for present and future awards.

8. The following interim report was made by the Treasurer:—

- (a) Receipts from Jan. 1, 1964 to Aug. 31, 1964 \$7,950.60
- (b) Expenditures during Jan. 1, 1964 to Aug. 31, 1964 period 5,326.13
- (c) Balance 2,624.47
- (d) In bank on Aug. 31, 1964 for current working capital \$3,804.85

9. The Auditing Committee, comprising Dr. A. L. Walsh, W2BW and Mr. A. L. Greenberg, W2CYK, reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books and records on Sept. 17, 1964. They had found the books and records as of Aug. 31, 1964 to be in order to the best of their knowledge and ability and had signed an affidavit to that effect on the Treasurer's balance sheet. The Auditing Committee had examined bills, bank books and kindred documents and had initialed the same. They reported that the books were in excellent condition and complimented the Treasurer on his work. The Board voted to accept the report of the Auditing Committee.

10. The President, Mr. Earl Thomas, W2MM, stated that a budget for 1965 will be made up by the Treasurer for further discussions with him and the Board; and that he desired to further study the matter of appointments of Chairmen for Standing Committees.

11. The Board voted to table any discussions of By-Law changes or concerning a QCWA sponsored scholarship fund for the present.

12. The President appointed Dr. A. L. Walsh, W2BW and Mr. Arthur L. Greenberg, W2CYK, to serve as a

Committee to study the matter of a single administrative officer in case the Board should decide that the operations of the Association should be administered by a general manager or a combined secretary-treasurer.

13. Several other matters were discussed during the meeting concerning the welfare of the Association but the Board took no formal action.

1964 ANNUAL MEETING

The 17th Annual Meeting of QCWA was held at the Shellbourne Hotel, New York, on October 30, 1964. In opening the meeting which was attended by over 125 members, President Earl Thomas, W2MM, pointed out that the Association had grown from the original group of 33 in 1947 to over 3,300 active members at the present time. Everyone stood in silence for one minute to commemorate the "Silent Keys" as the President read the names and call signs of the 27 members who had joined "Silent Keys" since the last Annual Meeting. The President reported receiving a letter from Mr. Tom Appleby, W3AN, stating that he had succeeded in having a House Joint Resolution introduced in Congress honoring Dr. Mahlon Loomis, dentist and inventor, for inventing the first wireless signaling system in 1866. Dr. Loomis had conducted successful signal tests between mountain tops 18 miles apart in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

The Board of Directors had extended an invitation to General Curt LeMay, Chief of Staff, USAF, to attend our meeting and speak on his radio experiences. General LeMay replied with regrets that his committed schedule for this date prevented his acceptance. He conveyed his best wishes for a constructive meeting. The President, W2MM, then announced the resignations of John DiBlasi, W2FX, as President and of Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM, as Executive Secretary for reasons of ill health, and the subsequent actions of the Board of Directors

RETIRING
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM

in electing Messrs. Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, Clarence Seid, W2KW/W2CCD and Augustine J. Gironda, W2JE, to fill the unexpired terms of President, Vice President and Executive Secretary, respectively.

A commemorative citation was presented to John DiBlasi, W2FX, as President Emeritus on behalf of QCWA together with a suitably engraved gold-plated Vibroplex key and type 664 microphone. The citation reads:—"Whereas: John DiBlasi, W2FX, in your distinguished amateur radio career you have rendered outstanding public service in local and national activities, the Board in accepting your resignation elects you "President Emeritus" in appreciation of, and gratitude for, your inspiring leadership, wise counsel and personal friendship, which we have been privileged to receive." It was signed by all nine members of the Board of Directors of QCWA.

The award of certificates for 50 Years as Licensed Radio Amateurs next was made to the following fifteen members present out of the 82 members who had established their eligibility for this honor:—Messrs: Sam Barriette, W2PC, Franklin Atlee, K2PI, Perce Collison, K2DZ, Howard Cookson, W6GW, Richard Egolf, W2WN, Ambrose Hardwick, W2YQ, Edward Hale, W1TZ, Alex Knights, W2DZA, Alan Mayhew, K2DD, John Mooney, W3OM, Clarence Pfeiffer, W2FG, Lester Reiss, W2BR, Robert Sidnell, W8KS, Malcolm Williams, W2EH and Richard Zucker, K2CR. The remaining award certificates were mailed to these unable to be present.

The reports of the Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer were delivered. (See "Board of Directors' Actions" for details.) Upon conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, the guest speaker, Mr. Bruce Kelly, W2ICE, Secretary and Curator of the Antique Wireless Association, unveiled an interesting display

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Clarence Seid, W2KW/W2CCD

of ham gear used 50 years ago. This equipment included loose coupler, crystal and magnetic detectors, quenched and rotary spark gaps, helix, Dublier transmitting condenser and a large hand key. Bruce then played a number of tape recordings that he had made of previous recorded old spark and cw stations such as WCC, 1BGG, 1AW, 1QP and 1MO; also the voices of Marconi and Lee DeForest. These recordings brought back fond and nostalgic memories of those "good old days" to many at the meeting.

Information concerning other announcements made at the meeting are contained in separate paragraphs in this News Letter.

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL ARRL CONVENTION

QCWA participated in the 13th National ARRL Convention that was held at the New York Hilton Hotel, August 21-23, 1964. The Hudson Amateur Radio Council (HARC) made available an exhibit booth which was manned by W2PF and W2JB and assisted by other QCWA members during the Convention. Mr. John DiBlasi, W2FX, represented our Association at the Head Table during the Convention Banquet at which, Senator Barry Goldwater K7UGA (member of the Arizona Chapter) was the main speaker. During the three-day Convention, 138 QCWA members signed-in at the QCWA Booth as shown below and 50 application forms were requested by prospective members:

Call Letter District	QCWA Members
First	11
Second	73
Third	21
Fourth	13
Fifth	3
Sixth	5
Seventh	None
Eighth	4
Ninth	2
Tenth	3
KH6	1
Foreign	2
Total	138

CHAPTERS ELIGIBLE FOR QCWA BANNER

In accordance with previous action of the Board of Directors, Chapters with 50 or more members will receive



Fred Huff, W2AMB, presents the Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting as W2FX and W2MM express happiness.

a QCWA banner. The following 12 Chapters have qualified to date. It is hoped that many more will become eligible in the near future:—New England, Cleveland, Dayton, Delaware Valley, Florida Southeast, Michigan, Northern California, Northwest, Pittsburgh, Southern California, Upper Midwest and Washington, D.C. Thanks to Fred Huff, W2AMB, our hard-working Treasurer and man of many talents, the QCWA banners were correctly inscribed, sealed and delivered to all qualified Chapters before December 15, 1964, ready for display at their 1965 meetings.

ANNUAL DUES AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Like other national and international societies such as IEEE, ARRL, AFCEA, etc. which have local Chapters or Groups, the annual dues of QCWA members are payable directly to the National Treasurer, Fred W. Huff, W2AMB. Since QCWA Chapters must be self-sufficient, a number of Chapters impose additional Chapter dues which are collected by the Chapter Treasurer. The operating costs of QCWA like other Associations have been increasing. For example, postage increased from 4¢ to 5¢ last year and printing expenses of the News Letter, Year Book, stationery, etc. have gone up. It is not economically feasible, therefore, to send out dues statements the first of each year to members just to collect \$2.00 annual dues. As you know, any member may pay \$5.00 in advance for three years dues, or \$10.00 for six years dues. But, better yet, a Life Membership for \$25.00 is a more worthwhile investment. Just think, one single \$25 payment takes care of all your QCWA dues for the rest of your life. And, operating costs of our Association and the workload of the Treasurer and Executive Secretary is substantially reduced. In other words, everyone is happier. How about it? Please send your \$25 check to W2AMB right-away and forget all about future dues payments to QCWA. Life Mem-

bers are shown in large type in the 1964-1965 Year Book. The following are new Life Members since the issuance of the Year Book:—W1HOM-A. T. Zwink; W2AGW-H. Wolfe; W2BKY-H. L. Wetterholm; W2KW/W2CCD-C. Seid; WB2LGN-E. L. Falls, Jr.; K2TLI-H. A. Gorenflo; W3DAN-R. H. Braue; W4EFG/7-J. D. Andrew; W4FFH-J. R. Warner; WA4TRR-H. E. Meyer; W5WR-T. M. Lytle; WB6BLA-W. F. Frankart; W6NSS-A. Browdy; W8ARW-C. Snyder; K8COU-L. Pfeiffer; WSTZO-L. G. Stuart; KP4CB/PY-Paul Girard; W0FC-H. J. Bannou, and W2EYY-W. Robinson.

1965 QCWA QSO PARTY

The Annual QCWA QSO Party will be sponsored by the Northwest Chapter in 1965. The details are:—*Party Period*—Starts 2200 GMT (5 P.M. EST) Friday, February 5, 1965 to 2200 GMT (5 P.M. EST) Sunday, February 7, 1965. *Objectives*: QCWA members to work as many other QCWA members as possible using all amateur bands and forms of emission. Non-QCWA members also may be worked but such contacts will not count in the scores. *Exchanges*: Member stations should exchange their contact number, QCWA membership number, name and, if desired, the city and state location and signal report. *Scoring*: One point is earned by each station exchanging reports with another QCWA member station. Repeat contacts on the same or any other amateur band do not count for additional points. *Reporting*: Send extracts of your log showing (1) date and time in GMT, (2) contact number, (3) station worked, (4) QCWA membership number to Dr. F. Clifford J. Spike, W7OS, 1015 Medical Arts Bldg., Tacoma, Wash. 98402, as soon as possible before February 28, 1965, in order that your score may count in this QSO Party. The Northwest Chapter will list the ten highest scorers for the awards to be presented by National Headquarters and the Southern California Chap-



President W2MM, Guest Speaker W2ICE and Recording Secretary W2PF.

ter. Suggested frequencies for the QCWA QSO Party are:—CW: 3540, 3655, 3790, 7005, 7030, 7100, 14,100, 21,100 and 28,110 kc. SSB: 3804, 3999, 7204, 7299, 14,300, 21,410, 21,440 and 28,690 kc. AM: 3810, 3950, 7230, 14,240, 21,340 and 28,690 kc. RTTY: 7105 and 21,140 kc.

AMATEUR RADIO 5c STAMP

The Post Office Department issued on Dec. 15, 1964 in Anchorage, Alaska, the first Amateur Radio commemorative stamp. This 5-cent vertical stamp is purple on white paper and its issuance coincides with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ARRL. It depicts a radio wave with a portion of a tuning dial shown. The words, "Amateur Radio" appear in the upper left portion of the stamp. About 120 million stamps have been ordered to be printed so that all members should be able to obtain an ample supply for their needs.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Harold Burhop, W8ZL/W4ZL has roamed over 68,000 miles during the past four years since his retirement. He uses an Airstream Travel trailer and his traveling has included four caravan tours of Mexico. Listen for him on his next stop.

The "DeForest Award" for 1964 was won by Thomas H. Wells, W6FWU, of the San Diego Chapter as announced at the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention that was held in September, 1964 at Palm Springs, Calif. QCWA members Fred Elser, W6FB, and Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, were instrumental in arranging for this event. The following QCWA members had been nominated for this Award:—W6AEE, W6EUV, W6FB, W6MLZ, W6OZ, W6QJW, W6ZH, K7UGA, in addition to the winner W6FWU.

Turk Paul, W2BTQ/KAZTP, is now in Japan after a year in Hawaii. Turk who is a Colonel in the U.S. Army expects to be on the air shortly on 14 mc. and 21 mc. using a Heathkit DX-20 and a Mosley TA-33 type beam.

Mason Shaw, W6BO, who recently

received the 50-year Award, was 2DT way back in 1912-1913 when he lived in New York around 77th St. and Park Avenue. His antenna spanned Park Avenue and he recalled that his one-inch spark coil and rotary spark gap often caused QRM to ships in the harbor. He and Dr. Ernest Cyriax, W2DI, were shipmates for the old Marconi Co. and Mason used his own rotary spark gap on the ship's transmitter to work fantastic distances (in those days). The first radio compass was installed on the SS Comus of the Morgan Line when he was the radio operator and the inspector from the Marconi Co. who was on board to test it out was none other than David Sarnoff.

Doug Smith, W2BZR, was instrumental during the past year in helping a new ham, crippled since birth in the use of his hands and feet, in getting on the air. Several months ago, this ham received a pink ticket and he immediately went off the air. Doug wrote to the FCC Monitoring Station for details of the complaint and then proceeded to help to fix over the transmitter, re-adjust it and install a new antenna. Subsequently, as W2BZR reported, he received a letter from the R.I. in charge of the FCC Monitoring Station at Prospect Harbor, Me. with a personal check of \$29.50 representing contributions by the FCC and Navy personnel stationed there to the crippled ham. This was a spontaneous act of generosity on the part of this group and was unrelated to the official status of the Radio Inspector or the personnel under him. The Delaware Valley Chapter also made a contribution to the crippled amateur's cause. This little story shows that the old-time Amateur spirit of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is still around these days.

Another recent Life Member is Joe Andrew, W4EFG, currently the Chaplain at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Washn. Joe, a Lt. Col. in the USAF has held the following

calls since 1936: W9YXF, D4AIW, W3NOO, W9HWP and KA2JA during his many years of military service. He and his wife, Hilda (licensed since 1941) are changing over to SSB after many years of AM operation. Chaplain Andrew is now active as a member of the Northwest Chapter participating in their Sunday afternoon schedules on 3950 kc.

Harry Tummonds, W8BAH, is one of the outstanding ham columnists. Harry has been writing the "Ham Antenna" amateur radio column in the Cleveland PLAIN DEALER since 1959. He also is known as the founder of the Amateur Radio Editors Association (AREA) which has done excellent work in public relations matters pertaining to amateur radio. As stated by W8BAH, AREA is not a radio club but an association of journalists and those interested in the news media of Amateur Radio.

Fred Hargesheimer, WOEBG, a new member recently received international publicity and fame for his efforts in sponsoring a fund which raised more than \$17,000 to build a school for the little village of Evase on the coast of New Britain. In 1943, Major Fred Hargesheimer's plane was shot down and the village people hid him from the Japanese and cared for him for five months until an Australian patrol arranged his escape in an American submarine. Fred never forgot what these people did for him and by helping to build the Airmen's Memorial School, he has repaid his debt to the New Guineans who saved his life. Fred went to New Britain to attend the ceremonies opening the school in Evase.

Frank Fullaway, KH6CE/2, who retired in 1962 after 30 years with the U.S. Navy, recently moved to Spain where he built a new home complete with swimming pool, ham shack, etc. near the village of Altea. He hopes to obtain an EA5 call soon under the new reciprocal licensing plan. Look for Frank on 20 meters.

CHAPTER NEWS

An important purpose of this News Letter is to report on Chapter happenings. The active cooperation of the officers of each Chapter is needed to accomplish this objective. Copies of Chapter News Letters, Bulletins or other reports should be sent to the Executive Secretary and to the Editor, W2PF, as soon as issued. Written reports are desired after each Chapter's meeting particularly changes in officers, addresses and, of course, news of important events. We will endeavor to include all pertinent items subject to space limitations. Photographs also are desired of meetings or other special events.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

The Fall dinner meeting held on Nov. 14, 1964 at the Porter House Restaurant in Phoenix was attended by 33 members, their ladies and guests. The 20 hams present represented more than 600 years of licensed activity and calls formerly held were in all U.S. call areas as well as in a number of



W2MM presents President Emeritus Certificate to W2FX.

foreign countries. The table decorations at the dinner included a telegraph key and sounder of 1912 vintage, RCA UV203 fifty-watt tube (1922), Taylor 203Z tube (1937) and a well-thumbed 1922 call book. There were many comments regarding the "good old days" but all agreed that ham radio still is the finest avocation.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Chapter officers are: Bruce Boyd, W3QA, Chairman; Roland Johnson, W3WA, Vice Chairman; Charles Hartman, W3GR, Treasurer and Nick North, W3OZ, Secretary. The Chapter recently affiliated with the Foundation of Amateur Radio Clubs. On Saturday, October 10, 1964, Chapter members and their friends visited the Laurel, Md. Primary Monitoring Station of the FCC as arranged by W3JNM. It was a very interesting and instructive visit which was followed by a late lunch at the Dairyland Restaurant. This Chapter now has 32 members and soon hopes to attain 50 and receive the QCWA banner.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The following officers for 1965 were elected at the Fall meeting held in October, 1964 that was attended by 101 members and guests: Harry Manning, WA6AYF, Chairman; Walt Knight, K6GMA, Vice Chairman; and Tom Cunningham, W6PIF, Secretary-Treasurer. The principal speaker at the meeting was Mert Moser, W6IIS, who showed movies of his recent DXpedition trip to St. Pierre Island and described how he received the call FP8CX. The members at this meeting also proposed that the Chapter give a plaque to be known as the "Ralph Barber Award" each year to the winner of the QCWA QSO Party. It likewise was suggested that the rules for the Annual QSO Party be changed to indicate this additional Award.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Because of poor health, Gene Mathews, W6PLS, resigned as Chapter Board Chairman and was replaced by Russ Estep, W6AUC. For similar reasons, Chuck Pope, K6KF, was

replaced as Director by Bill Green, W6BYS. Russ, W6AUC, recently received a Public Service Award from the ARRL for handling many messages during the Alaskan earthquake. Clifton Olver, W6SNN, is back on board the Matson Line SS Hawaiian Rancher as its skipper. W6HLM, K6CA, W6FZX, W6AUC and W6BYS served as NCS or alternate during the Sunday morning net schedules of the Chapter. Members can check-in on SSB, AM or CW. K6GJ still must watch his waistline. W6CNF recently returned from his hospital stay. The 1965 Annual Dinner of the Chapter will be held on Saturday, February 13, 1965 at the Southern Restaurant near Redwood City, Calif. Russ Estep, W6AUC, is handling all of the details.

CANTON, OHIO CHAPTER

A total of 26 members and their ladies attended the annual meeting held on Sept. 10, 1964 at Bonvehios, south of New Philadelphia, Ohio. The following were elected as Chapter officers for the 1964-1965 term: Messrs. Henry McLaughlin, W8OYV, Chairman; Willard Beechy, W8LVW, Vice Chairman; Miss Carmella Ciccerello, W8NAL, Secretary-Treasurer and Messrs. Clarence R. Roy, W8HR and Earl Reickman, W8NBK, Directors. W8OYV was surprised with a birthday cake to commemorate the Chapter's first year. Needless to say, it did not last long. Roy, W8HR, enjoyed a month's vacation and an extended visit through the Maritime Provinces where he attended a hamfest in Prince Edward Island. Lyle Gray, W8EUK, the Chapter's First Chairman, and his wife recently returned from a vacation trip to Central America where he used the call YN1BN. The Chapter also held a dinner meeting on November 12, 1964.

CLEVELAND, OHIO CHAPTER

The Fall dinner meeting of this Chapter was held on November 14, 1964 with 70 members and guests in attendance. Bob Sidnell, W8KS, was elected Chairman and Werner Sauber, W8KC, continued as Secretary for 1965. Messrs. Jim Russell, W8BU, George Lister, W8NV, and Doc Howe, W8EBJ, were elected to the

newly formed Board of Directors of the Chapter. It was reported that Mrs. Smith, the widow of Ellis Smith, W8QV, the organizer and past Chairman of the Chapter, desired to give Ellis' antique spark set to the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland as a permanent exhibit. The Spring Banquet of the Chapter was scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 1965 to include the ladies and the Fall Meeting (stag) was set for Saturday, November 20, 1965.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

This Chapter is being reorganized under the able guidance of Fred Hinds, W9WR as Chairman and Bob Austin, W9EVA, as Secretary and with the further assistance of ARRL Central Division Director Phil Haller, W9HPG. A meeting will be called early in 1965 and QCWA members in the Chicago metropolitan area will be notified of the date and place.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

The Fall dinner meeting was held on November 21, 1964 at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. New Chapter officers for 1965 are: Messrs. Harry Stein, W3CL, Chairman; Jack Power, W2ANU, Vice Chairman; BB Wentzel, W2HX, Secretary and Ken Harrison, W3CPT, Treasurer. The Chapter mourned the recent passing of Earl Williams, W2EG, an old friend of many members.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The Chapter's annual affair was held July 11-12, 1964 in Burnaby, British Columbia at the Villa Motor Hotel. It was attended by 143 members and guests and about a dozen youngsters. The Banquet was featured by a huge baked Alaska cake over a foot high and about 2½ feet long carried by two long poles with flaming sparklers protruding from the top. Harry, W7IH, at the piano provided appropriate march music. A satirical sketch on a QCWA net which poked fun at various members present was a feature of the entertainment. Arnold, KL7BT, from Adk, Alaska came the longest distance to attend this meeting. Many other members came from Oregon, Washn., Montana, Idaho and Canada by train, plane, truck, cars and private boats. This outstanding event was arranged by Alan Venning, VE7BHH and Alf Sheffield, VE7CB with the able help of their respective XYLs. The Chapter officers for 1965 are: Dr. Clifford Spike, W7OS, Chairman; Alan Venning, VE7BHH, Vice Chairman; Don Geer, K7CNE, Secretary-Treasurer. The following Section Representatives were elected: — William Gilbert, W7QA, Wayne Pascoe, W7TZ, Lloyd Cocrane, W7NC, Elmer Anderson, W7CSC, Jeff Woodhouse, W7FL, Paul Hacker, W7OL, Alan Venning, VE7BHH, Alf Sheffield, VE7CB and Gene West, KL7BW. The 1965 annual event of the Chapter will be held June 12-13, 1965 at the Lakeshore Inn, 1200 Westlake Ave., on Lake Union's Shore, in Seattle, Washn. Bill Gilbert, W7QA, will serve as Chairman of this forthcoming affair.



Dayton, Ohio Chapter.

First Row: W8BHT, W8MOH, W8DGO, W8F8B, W8SEL, W8WC, W8NCV, K8THT, W8ALW.
 Second Row: W8ARW, W8BHP, W8SLY, W8FJC, W8FYR, K8BYH, W8UX, W8LOF, W8DHJ, W8TN.
 Third Row: W8SUK, W8GYJ, W8D5N, W8ICO, W8FU, W8TE, W8JDV, K8UZ, W8ACE, W8QO, W8WYL, W8ENH, W8NQU.
 Fourth Row: W8UJ, W8ZJM, W8OJF, W8EY, W8GE, W8PW, W8DWT, VK2ADA, W8LUZ, W8AAL.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

A joint meeting of the Oklahoma and West Gulf Chapters was held in connection with the ARRL Oklahoma State Convention at Lake Texhoma Lodge near Durant, Okla. on Nov. 1, 1964. Approximately 25 QCWA members were in attendance. This Chapter held a dinner-business meeting in Tulsa, Okla. on Dec. 3, 1965 attended by 15 members plus their wives and several guests. An interesting film, "Candid Europe" was shown. The following Chapter officers were elected for 1965: Messrs. Ernest L. Detwiler, W5MMH, Chairman; Charles F. McFerren, W5HUI, Secretary. The Chapter will plan another QCWA meeting at the 1965 ARRL Oklahoma State Convention to be held in Oklahoma City on July 9-11, 1965.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

The Chapter was saddened by the sudden death of its Chairman, Bill G. Walker, W3NUG, on November 4, 1964. John Morgan, W3AJU, Secretary-Treasurer, plans to call a meeting before the end of January, 1965 for the election of Chapter officers.

MISSOURI CHAPTER

The Chapter held a meeting in November, 1964 at the home of Ernest Wylie, W0YRN, the Secretary-Treasurer which was attended by 11 members. Films from the McDonnell Aircraft Co. on the operations of space craft and jet fighters in action were shown and they proved to be exceptionally interesting. Lester Benson, W0ZB, who had been very ill for three months, is now recuperating at home. The next meeting of the Chapter has been scheduled for April, 1965 at the home of Frank Pelton, Jr., W0GEK/KV4CM, 2 Lenox Place, St. Louis, Mo.

SUSQUEHANNA CHAPTER

More than 43 members, their wives and guests attended the dinner meet-

ing on November 14, 1964. Color slides of the new ARRL Headquarters were shown by Gil, W3YA, Bob, W3LN, presented a series of slides depicting the site and the progress on the building of the Lancaster Radio Transmitting Society's new "Clubhouse" near the Cornwall Fire Tower. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. The Chapter Net will operate Sundays at 11:00 A.M. EST on 3810 kc. (AM & SSB) and at 9:00 A.M. EST on 3610 kc for CW operations.

UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

The Fall meeting of the Chapter was held at the Huddle Restaurant in Minneapolis on Nov. 5, 1964 with 20 members and 4 guests in attendance. The QCWA banner, recently received by the Chapter was unveiled for the first time. A letter of appreciation to Ralph Barber, W2ZM, for his many years of work as Executive Secretary was signed by all members present. The evening's program included a most entertaining film on the old-time "Grebe Synchrophase Receiver" arranged by Joe Pavcek, W0OEP, Chapter Chairman and two films showing the launch and operation of "Telstar" which had been procured by Bill Higgins, W0YDB. All present enjoyed these interesting and instructive films. The following Chapter officers were elected for the 1965 period at the meeting held on December 10, 1964: Messrs. Ward Jensen, W0TLE, Chairman and George Benson, K0YAE, Secretary-Treasurer.

WEST GULF CHAPTER

This Chapter participated in holding a QCWA meeting at the ARRL Oklahoma State Convention at Lake Texhoma Lodge, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1964. This Chapter's Net meets each Sunday on 3845 kc or 7245 kc, depending upon the skip, using AM phone. Luther Harrison, W5LR, Chairman, is planning for increased Chapter activities in 1965.

FLORIDA SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Most of the Chapter members are busy working, not retired. Bill, W4GJ, the Chapter Chairman, is an example of a hard-working retired Floridian. The Chapter will participate again at the ARRL Florida State Convention this year by putting on the ROWH Initiation at midnight on January 23, 1965. Another Chapter meeting is scheduled for the Orlando Hamfest in April, 1965.

DAYTON, OHIO CHAPTER

The following officers were elected for the 1965 term at the Fall meeting held in Centerville, Ohio on November 3, 1964: Messrs. Elmer H. Schubert, W8ALW, Chairman and Andrew L. Shafer, W8TE, Secretary-Treasurer. After a fine dinner, the members saw a very interesting film of the Bell Telephone Labs. on "The Alphabet Conspiracy" which explained all about the lungs, larynx, phonemes and semantics. As a result, the members were able to smile for a nice photo as shown herein with their new QCWA banner. Incidentally, two W8PW's attended the meeting. John Slade, the original W8PW is now W8SUK and Ted Bunting is the present holder of W8PW.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

The Chapter's new QCWA banner was proudly displayed at its December 17, 1964 meeting for the first time. Prof. Gil Crossley, W3YA, ARRL Atlantic Division Director, was the main speaker and showed a series of slides of the new ARRL Building at Newington, Conn. and of the League personnel. Election of officers for 1965 was also held at this meeting and Robbie, W3RE, and Elizabeth, W3CDQ, were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer for another term. The annual Old Timers Night Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 20, 1965 at Olney Inn, Olney, Md. The cost is \$6.50. Send your advance reservations to W3RE.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Chapter has grown from 10 members a few years ago to over 150 at present. Our Net is active every Sunday from 8 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. (EST) on 3900 kc, with about 50 members participating. A picnic in association with the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association was held in Saginaw during September. The next annual meeting is scheduled for the ARRL Michigan State Convention in Muskegon on Feb. 20, 1965 and the Chapter will proudly display its new QCWA banner at that time. Ed. Trombley, W8CAM, Chapter Chairman, is looking to further membership growth in 1965.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

The annual business meeting has been scheduled for February, 1965 and W6BKZ, Chapter Chairman, has plans for increased activity during 1965. A QCWA net to tie-in with the Southern California and Arizona Chapters is being planned as part of the Chapter's goals.



Post Chairmen of Delaware Valley Chapter receive their plaques. Thomas Dix, W3BFH; Lawrence Narcross, W2PKZ; Conrad Roberts, K2EW and A. G. Wentzel, W2HX.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Many Chapters recently held elections and the following list shows the new officers of our 24 Chapters for 1965 as per reports received by the Executive Secretary or the editor. Ten or more members in good standing residing within the same geographical area are needed to organize a Chapter as per Article VI of the By-Laws. Members are not automatically assigned to a Chapter. Therefore, if you already have not done so, please contact your local Chapter Officers so that you can meet your fellow members and participate in the activities of your Chapter. The call signs of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer follow the name of the Chapter. Where three call signs are shown, they refer to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. Chapters with a separate Secretary and Treasurer will have four call signs:

Chapter	Officers
Arizona	K7RUR, W7CS, K7TJN
Baltimore	W3OA, W3WA, W3OZ, W3GR
Canton	W8OYV, W8LVW, W8NAL
Chicago	W9WR, W9EVA
Cleveland	W8KS, W8KC
Dayton	W8ALW, W8TE
Delaware Valley	W3CL, W2ANU, W2HX, W3CPT
Findlay	W8QP, W8HW, W8UBI
Florida, S.E.	W4GJ, W4BTM
Michigan	W8CAM, W8QPO
Missouri	W0PUS, W0YRX
Nebraska	K0KKJ
New England	W1PHF, W1FO, W1EJ
Northern Calif.	W6AUC, W6WF
Northwest	W7OS, VE7BHH, K7CNE
Pittsburgh	W3AJU (acting)
San Diego	W6BKZ, W6GWY, W6EKM
Southern Calif.	W6AYF, K6GMA, W6PIF
Susquehanna Valley	W3OY, W3AXA

Oklahoma W5MMH, W5HUI
Toledo W8ALP, W8IZQ, W8GJS
Upper Midwest W0TLE, K0YAE
Washington, D. C. W3RE, W3CDQ
West Gulf W5LR, W5AFI

1965 DUES STATEMENT

Statements for 1965 dues will not be mailed this year. Therefore, please look at your QCWA Membership Card to check its expiration date. If your membership expired in 1964, please send a check for \$5.00 to pay for 3-years dues; \$10.00 for 6-years dues or better yet \$25.00 for Life Membership to the Treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Huff, W2AMP, 8712 31st Ave., Jackson Heights, New York 11369, to maintain your good standing. Article

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, a Fellow of the IEEE, has served illustrious careers in the power utilities, military and amateur radio fields. Earl graduated M.I.T. in 1922 and joined the United Electric Light & Power Co., one of the predecessor companies of the present Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. He held various engineering positions in the power transmission and distribution planning, underground cable design and associated operations for which he holds several patents. In 1946, Earl became Test Engineer of the company, from 1956 to 1964 Manager of the Meter and Test Department and currently is Consultant to the Vice President-Operations. Earl's military career started as a reserve officer in the Army Signal Corps in 1922. During WW II, he was assigned to the Army Air Force and served as acting Chief of Radar Developments at Hq. Army Air Forces in Washington from 1942 to 1945. In 1945, he headed a U. S. mission to Europe in connection with the operational employment of radar controlled landing

SILENT KEYS

The following members have joined SILENT KEYS since the publication of the June, 1964 issue of the QCWA News Letter:

W1FC/2—Rulof H. Fowler
W1UG—Oakes A. Spalding
K1ZG—Lawrence DeMattia
W2AKI—George E. Mathias
W2DI—Dr. Ernest A. Cyriax
W2EG—Earl C. Williams
K2GK—Earl J. Atkinson
W3NUG—William G. Walker
K6BJ—John Reinartz
W6IR—Ercil C. Arnold
W7BGL—Charles A. Smith
W7EHH—Hugh E. Christopher
W7JH—Henry L. Jones
W7KX—James E. Parrott
W9MF—Edmund Scholz

May They Rest in Peace

II, Section 3 of the By-Laws states that dues must be received by the Treasurer prior to 90 days after the first of each calendar year for a member to continue in good standing. Checks should be made to the order of "Q.C.W.A., Inc.," and you will help the Treasurer with his paperwork if you will please place your call sign on the left bottom of the reverse side of the check. Please note that unless your national dues are paid to date, you are NOT a member in good standing in your Chapter.

systems for aircraft. Earl was retired as a Colonel, USAF, in 1960. In addition to his various military honors which includes the Army Commendation Medal, an Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire, Earl recently received the Franklin Institute's Walton Clark Gold Medal and the American Gas Association's Distribution Achievement Award. Earl started in ham radio in 1912 and obtained his first amateur station license as SKY in 1914. W2MM may be worked regularly on 20 and 75 meter ssb. Earl is a Charter Member of QCWA, served as Vice President since 1959, and is a member of ARRL, AFCEA and ROA.

PRESIDENT EMERITUS

John DiBlasi, W2FX, one of the Founders and First President of QCWA, started in wireless in 1913 and obtained his ham ticket in July, 1915 as 2AGD. John started his business career with MESCO, Manhattan Electrical Supply Co. on Park Place in New York City and sold some of the old timers around the New York area their first radio gear. After WW I, John received the call 2FD; in 1938, he was



Udo Ross, OA4J/W2UD of Lima, Peru is greeted by K6HN and W2KH at the Annual Meeting.

relicensed as W2LKC and then in 1941 received his present call of W2FN. In 1930, John established the firm of Cooper-DiBlasi handling the sales of equipment made by well-known radio manufacturers of the period prior to WW II. This organization is now John DiBlasi Associates, Inc. serving as electronic sales engineers. John is a Fellow of the Radio Club of America, Senior Member of IEEE, and holds an Extra Grade Amateur Radio license. He is active on 20 meter ssb when not conducting his business affairs. Because of ill health, John resigned as QCWA President on September 21, 1964 and was elected President Emeritus on that date.

OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Augustine J. Gironda, Sr., W2JE, our new Executive Secretary, is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Gus, who has served over 30 years in the Armed Forces, started in ham radio in 1924 with a kw rotary spark set. He spent ten years as a shipboard radio operator and still holds a Commercial First Class Radio Operators license. Gus was fortunate in being able to continue his ham radio activities during his various Air Force assignments in different parts of the world. He had been KZ5KQ when he

was in Panama. Gus spent most of his military career in the communications and electronics fields. As shown in the photo, Gus's home station comprises a GFT-750 transmitter, GPR-90 and 75S-3 receivers, Hornet 1000-B antenna and 40 meter doublet. Gus is a member of the IEEE and the ARRL. He usually can be found operating on SSB around 14,300 kc daily about 1700Z when not working as a real estate salesman.

RETIRING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM, at a very tender age started in 1908 in wireless. He received the Navy Department's Certificate of Skill in radio in 1910 and his first amateur and commercial radio operator licenses in 1912. His original call in 1912 was 2FP and he later also received the call 2RK. He was a shipboard wireless operator during 1911-1912 with A. H. Grebe, Sr. who later made the famous Grebe receivers. Ralph lived in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. at that time and his ham station comprised the United Wireless 1 kw "coffin" transformer and rotary spark gap. During WW I, Ralph served with the U. S. Corps of Engineers as a sergeant. After the war, he held a civilian position in the U. S. Engineers until 1941. Ralph served with the U. S. Army Air

Corps during WW II and then returned to his civilian job as an engineer in the Dept. of the Army until his retirement in 1959. When amateur radio activities resumed after WW II, Ralph obtained his present call W2ZM and then W1ZM for his summer location in Oakdale, Conn. He currently operates his Collins KWS-1 and 75A-4 equipments mainly on the 75 and 40 meter bands because of present antenna limitations. Ralph has been a QCWA member (No. 27) since its organization in 1947 and served as Executive Secretary from 1950 to December, 1964 when poor health necessitated that he retire from that position. He is a Life Member of QCWA. In addition to ham radio, Ralph collects U. S. stamps and is keenly interested in photography. It is hoped that many members will write often to Ralph as his health does not permit him to be as active on the air as he would like to these days.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

Clarence Seid, W2KW/K2KW/W2CCD became interested in wireless in 1919 and received his first amateur radio license in 1923. Clarence did a bit of shipboard operating in 1929 with the United Fruit Co. His first ham transmitter was a spark set but he quickly advanced to vacuum tubes: using raw AC, slop jars, synchronous rectifiers, motor generators, "S" tubes and other means of generating the high-voltage requirements of his station. Believe it or not, he still has most of this early gear although not in use. Clarence currently operates W2KW at his summer residence on Radio Hill near Middletown, N. Y. where he has three 130 ft. towers arranged like "old NAA" to support three different directional Sterba-type curtain arrays for his worldwide DX work. The call W2CCD is used at his home in Manhattan Beach, N. Y. and K2KW at his office in Brooklyn, N. Y. Clarence utilizes Collins equipment at his various stations on ssb, cw and even am. He is a Charter Member of QCWA, member of the Veterans Wireless Operators Association, ARRL, and AFCEA and is a past President of the Radio Club of Brooklyn. Besides working DX, Clarence is an attorney with primary interests in the real estate field.



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